

Whitman Aids In New Trails On Graft Hunt

**Chilvers Subpoenas 25 in
Inquiry Into Alleged
Collusion Between Police
and Rum Ring**

**Confessed Thief Quizzed
Prosecutor Prepared to
Ask More Indictments
in Stolen Auto Cases**

Former Governor Charles S. Whitman's aids in the additional grand jury's investigation of the Hyman administration agent a busy day yesterday beyond the confines of the Criminal Courts Building. They examined a number of witnesses, obtained certain information that may lead to an arrest to-morrow and listened to much new evidence which was said to involve sensational disclosures.

William Chilvers, who is in charge of the inquiry into the alleged cooperation between policemen and bootleggers, interrogated several witnesses up and down the Criminal Courts Building during the afternoon that he had found it necessary to make a hurried trip out of town. It is believed that Mr. Chilvers went to a town just over the Connecticut border, where Federal agents have been active recently.

It is known that at least twenty-five subpoenas were sent out by Mr. Chilvers yesterday for persons who are supposed to have information concerning the alleged working agreement between the police and the bootleggers.

Whitman to Follow Rum Trail

At the Criminal Courts Building it was said that Mr. Whitman himself will devote his personal attention to the wisest phase of his investigation which is a day or two, and that he expects to whip his evidence into shape before the end of the week to present to the grand jury.

Among the subpoenas sent out by Mr. Chilvers yesterday, according to reports, were several for policemen who are or have been connected with precincts in the old and new Tenderloins. One of these called for the appearance at the District Attorney's office Monday of a certain police captain.

The mysterious prisoner in the Tombs, who is said to have furnished the Whitman investigators with much important information regarding the automobile squad scandal, was brought across the Bridge of St. Nicholas to the Criminal Courts Building and questioned at some length by Frederick J. Groehl, former magistrate, who is assisting Mr. Whitman in the stolen car investigation.

More Indictments Promised

The prisoner, who is said to be a confessed automobile thief, has been before Mr. Whitman on several occasions and is credited with furnishing information on which two or more indictments may be handed up this week. He is said to have described in detail how he stole cars and then, through the cooperation of the police, succeeded in having them returned to their owners for liberal rewards, which is shared with the police.

Mr. Groehl would not disclose the name of the prisoner yesterday nor would he indicate the nature of the information he had obtained from him. It was learned, however, that the prisoner would be questioned again by Mr. Whitman to-morrow and that his statements have already involved a number of police officials.

Louis Fridiger, attorney for Detectives Martin S. Owens and Thomas J. Horan, former members of the automobile squad of the Police Department, who are under indictment for the alleged taking of unlawful fees for the recovery of stolen machines, served notice on District Attorney

Swann yesterday that he would apply to-morrow for an inspection of the grand jury minutes in the cases. Mr. Fridiger announced that if the request is granted he will make a motion for the dismissal of the indictments and that if this motion is denied he will be ready to proceed to trial within twenty-four hours.

Accompanying the request for an inspection of the minutes there was an affidavit made out by Owens, in which he calls attention to the fact that he has been a member of the Police Department for fourteen years and that Horan has been a member for eleven years. In his affidavit Owens dwells at considerable length on his war record and says that his reputation has been unquestioned and that as a result of his indictment he has been reduced in grade and salary.

The application for the grand jury minutes will be argued before Judge Mulqueen Monday and will be opposed by a member of Mr. Whitman's staff. The lawyers for the indicted members of the automobile squad took exception yesterday to a statement made by Mr. Whitman Thursday afternoon. Mr. Fridiger said:

"According to a statement made by Mr. Whitman, there have been only forty-two arrests made for automobile thefts during the last year. Records at Police Headquarters show that Owens and Horan made fifty-two arrests during the year and that every one of these resulted in a conviction. In one arrest alone—that of Shields and Whalen, who operated in the Bronx—they cleared up fourteen thefts of automobiles and recovered the cars for their owners. Shields and Whalen, who had been engaged in stealing automobiles for years, confessed shortly after Owens and Horan arrested them."

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Whitman referred reporters to records in his office showing the number of persons indicted for automobile thefts, together with the disposition of the indictments. These figures indicated only forty-two indictments, out of which there resulted eighteen convictions, which included several pleas of guilty.

Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith questioned a number of witnesses in his office yesterday and is said to have opened up an entirely new lead in the automobile scandal. At least two of these witnesses visited the District Attorney's office voluntarily and are said to be automobile owners who were forced to contribute to the police before they were able to recover their cars.

Mexican Kills American

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Resistance offered Mexican bandits cost R. B. Case, an American citizen, his life, the State Department was advised to-day, whose home address is not known, had refused to be disarmed, and was fired upon by an insurgent. His wife, who is a Mexican, was wounded in the arm, but was not killed.

According to details received by the State Department, Case died late in January in the Pinos mines district of Tepic, in the State of Durango, from a gunshot wound received January 23 when attacked by revolutionists said to be under the command of the Arrieta brothers.

Records fail to disclose that Case had been issued an American passport.

**Five Bandits Kidnap Mail
Wagon Driver and Get \$25,000**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—A canvass of banks at St. Charles, Mo., to-day disclosed that approximately \$25,000, mostly in Liberty bonds and securities, was obtained last night by five bandits who kidnaped W. H. Thornhill, a negro drayman, and stole a pouch of first class and registered mail.

First reports stated that about \$100,000 was obtained. Thornhill was employed to deliver mail from the banks to railroad stations.

Father Identifies Slain Girl

MONTREAL, Feb. 5.—The body of a young woman found in Westmount last night with the head crushed with an ax was identified to-day by Joseph M. Malherbe as that of his daughter, Adeline. Police expressed the opinion that the crime was committed by a maniac.

Mr. Malherbe, who resides near the place where the body was found, said his daughter had been spending the evening with friends and apparently was killed while returning home.

Invalids Go to Wood Pile; Soothe Nerves and Help Poor

John N. Harman, Park Commissioner, of Brooklyn, needs a lot of husky invalids to saw wood. He has 250 cords of wood in Prospect Park that need sawing. So far he has got only two invalids and the only thing the matter with them, at that, is overwork and taut nerves, their doctors say.

What Commissioner Harman hopes to get is the real, dyed-in-the-wool invalid, the pedigreed sanatorium bound, with drooping ears. He is so convinced that vitality can be sawed out of wood by the cord that he is willing to guarantee to any such applicant that if he follows the treatment laid down, he will want a large porthouse for breakfast and a currycomb for his bath.

Manufacturer First on Job

The pioneer sawyer is Charles T. Davis, of 240 Crooke Avenue, Brooklyn, a manufacturing chemist and a friend of Commissioner Harman. It was Mr. Davis who suggested to the Park Commissioner the way to get the 250 cords of dead wood, which was collected in Prospect Park, sawed up free of charge. If the plan works the wood will be given away to those who need it.

"The doctor says I must have more exercise," observed Mr. Davis the other

day in response to the Park Commissioner's inquiry as to his health. "Of course, I don't get much at this time and the subways."

"I like golf but I can't play this weather, and my doctor tells me that sawing wood is just as good exercise. In fact, I'll remember his words correctly, he said there was nothing like it for keeping in trim. Now, I see you've got a big woodpile down by the duck pond. Why not let me take a saw and go at it?"

Invitation Is Made General

Commissioner Harman did just that. He had been wondering for a long time how he was going to get that wood sawed. The next day Mr. Davis brought a friend with him, and now they're both doing it. Commissioner Harman doesn't want to be charged with favoritism, however, and so he made the whole scheme public yesterday and gave a general invitation to all invalids or problem business men.

"I want to thank Mr. Davis for being the first man to volunteer," he said, "and I hope his example will be followed by many others. If it is, the result will be that those who have been in the habit of staying in their homes, their offices and their motor cars too much will feel much healthier and my problem of the uncured wood will be solved."

A woman in the gang that robbed her apartment, as several of her best gowns were laid out as if to be taken away. The burglars ate some candy and left some chocolate bars, which they had brought with them. They drank about a quart of Mr. Skoglund's best whisky. Mr. Skoglund is a consulting engineer. The apartment which was robbed Friday night is that of H. C. Hornbeck, an officer of the New York and New Jersey Steamship Company. Furs, gowns and jewelry valued at \$2,500 were taken. In both instances the burglars gained entrance by windows which open on the fire escape.

**Night Court Discharges 200
Charged With Playing Cards**

Patrol wagons were busy last night carrying card players, who had been arrested in various parts of the city on the direction of inspectors, to night court. Before midnight more than 200 men had been arraigned. Detective Caspers brought in sixty-three single handed, saying that he found them playing cards for money.

Magistrate Frothingham refused even to have a complaint drawn against any of the prisoners. He discharged them all. He did not rebuke the police for their zeal, but ascertained from each detective that he was acting on the orders of his superior officer in making the arrests.

Burglars 'Repeat' in Drive Apartment; Get \$2,000

**Police Secrecy of Friday Night
Robbery Aids Thugs; Woman
Leaves Jewels Home**

Among the persons who disapprove of the police policy of keeping reports of burglaries secret are Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Skoglund. They live in an apartment house at 547 Riverside Drive. The Enright policy of secrecy was so successful in concealing a burglary in another apartment in the house Friday night that the Skoglunds did not learn of it until last night, when they went to the West 162d Street police station to report that during their absence jewelry belonging to Mrs. Skoglund and a \$250 watch and chain and several other articles belonging to her husband.

"If I had only known that burglars had been in the building Friday night," said Mrs. Skoglund, "I would have taken my jewels with me when I went out yesterday."

Mrs. Skoglund thinks that there was

Merchant Seized; Ex-Wife Demands Return of Child

**Pennsylvania Hotel Guest Is
Under Contempt Charge;
Poisoned Daughter's Mind
Against Her, Says Woman**

Samuel Safchick, a San Francisco merchant, was arrested at the Hotel Pennsylvania yesterday by Deputy Sheriffs Murphy and Eisenstein, in a proceeding brought by Mrs. Jennie Cohen, of 574 West 176th Street, who divorced the defendant, for the possession of her ten-year-old daughter Beatrice, who is at the California home of Mr. Safchick. Mrs. Cohen obtained a divorce from Safchick in 1913 in Kings County, where the order for his arrest was issued by Justice Benedict. Both have remarried.

In July, 1919, said Mrs. Cohen, a month before her remarriage Safchick went to the home of her parents at 428 Sixty-fourth Street, Brooklyn, where she was living with her daughter and prevailed upon her to permit him to take Beatrice to San Francisco, promising to return the child on his next trip East, in January, 1920.

Safchick came to New York that month, but Beatrice was not with him. Mrs. Cohen demanded an explanation of his failure to return their daughter. It is alleged that the merchant said he thought it best not to bring the child on account of the existence of influenza here at the time and made his "faithful promise" to bring her back in July, 1920. Mrs. Cohen says she had not seen her former husband since January, 1920. About a week ago Safchick wrote to Mrs. Cohen that Beatrice did not want to return, she alleged. While she has done everything in her power, she says the mother, to help Beatrice to keep her regard for her father, Safchick, it is alleged, has sought to poison the mind of the daughter against her mother, and for about two or three months Mrs. Cohen has not received a letter from Beatrice.

The arrest of Safchick was effected to prevent his leaving the jurisdiction of the court before steps could be taken to have him punished for contempt, for under the divorce decree Mrs. Cohen is entitled to the custody of the daughter. Safchick was released yesterday after he filed with Sheriff Knott a bond for \$2,000 to guarantee his compliance with the order of the court when the contempt proceeding is decided.

Second Suicide Attempt Succeeds After 11 Days

**New York Man Who Demanded
Money Back for Gun Dies
of Meningitis**

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—Ferdinand Ceiler, of 545 Third Avenue, New York City, died at five o'clock to-night in the West Penn Hospital of meningitis caused by a bullet wound in his head which he inflicted upon himself January 25. This was Ceiler's second attempt to end his life, the first having occurred when he jumped from the Philadelphia Express shortly after it had left Cresson on January 10.

After his first attempt he was taken to a physician's office in Cresson and, after being given medical attention, was removed to the county jail at Ebensburg. When released from that place he came here, and on January 25 purchased a revolver in a Penn Avenue store. A short time later he entered the same store and demanded that his money be returned, declaring the revolver he had purchased "failed to do the work." He had shot himself in the head.

He was arrested and removed to the West Penn Hospital, where, it was said at the time, he would probably recover. Meningitis, however, set in.

Nothing was known of Ceiler except that his home was in New York.

**Mrs. Peete Found Guilty
In Denton Murder Case**

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Louise L. Peete was found guilty to-day of murder in the first degree for killing Jacob Charles Denton, millionaire mining promoter. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

Denton's body was found buried in a sealed room in the cellar of his home in Los Angeles last September. He was believed to have been murdered June 2. Mrs. Peete lived in the house where the body was found from May 24 to August 17, 1920. She then moved to Denver. She was indicted for the murder last October after she had refused to tell the grand jury what she knew of Denton's disappearance.

**Negro Arrested for Failure
To Bring Dead Back to Life**

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 5.—Joe Thomas, an aged negro, to-day failed to make good a contract to bring back to life the husband of a negro woman. She said she gave him \$15 and the departed spouse's gold watch for the job. He said he buried the timepiece at the grave to rouse the sleeper, but it didn't work.

The court said it looked like false pretenses and bound Joe over.

Three Boys Figure In \$2,500 Hold-Up As Related by One

**Detectives Closely Question
Lad Who Loses Em-
ployers' Pay Roll Near
Fifth Avenue at 9 A. M.**

Seventeen-year-old Morris Sweitzer dashed up to the traffic cop at Sixth Avenue and Forty-fifth Street at 9:30 a. m. yesterday and told the policeman that two young hold-up men had just snatched from him a brief case containing \$2,500 in currency which belonged to the General Phonograph Corporation, 25 West Forty-fifth Street.

Morris spent the remainder of the day retelling the story to detectives, each version varying somewhat from the others. Late in the afternoon he changed his story completely, admitting, the detectives say, that he and two young friends were looking for some easy money, and that he had allowed them to "rob" him while returning from the bank with the weekly pay roll of the corporation.

As is his custom every Saturday morning, Morris left the office promptly

at 9 o'clock for the Harriman National Bank, at Fifth Avenue and Forty-fifth Street. He was accompanied by Henrietta Biel, an office clerk. Morris got the \$2,500 at the bank and returned with Miss Biel to the entrance of the office building at 25 West Forty-fifth Street. She left him to go for a cup of coffee and two young men approached Morris.

They wrestled his brief case from him and in a few minutes were hurrying down Fifth Avenue, while Morris was hurrying toward Sixth Avenue in search of the nearest cop. Detectives Fitzgerald and Dennison, of the West Forty-seventh Street station, said they were convinced Morris's story was a fake after they had questioned persons at 25 West Forty-fifth Street, including the elevator starter and the four elevator operators.

Morris was locked up last night at the West Forty-seventh Street station, charged with grand larceny. He lives at 74 Rutgers Street. The detectives were searching last night for the two young men.

Bank Burglars Get \$10,000

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 5.—Burglars entered the bank at Hamilton Ind., some time last night and after burning through the vault door rifled thirteen safety deposit boxes of about \$10,000 in Liberty bonds and other securities. The robbery was discovered to-day.

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